GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS
LOK SABHA

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Guidelines for e-Pharma
Khuba Shri Bhagwanth

Will the Minister of CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the Government/DCGI has launched a new guideline for e-pharma and if so, the details thereof; and
(b) whether the guidelines is aimed primarily at ensuring the safety of consumers and if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CHEMICALS AND FERTILIZERS (SHRI HANSRAJ GANGARAM AHIR)

(a) & (b): In December, 2015 Ministry of Health & Family Welfare had informed that a number of representations have been received from Chemists and Druggist Associations against the online sale of prescription drugs. Similarly, a number of representations have also been received to permit such sales. These representations received were discussed in detail in the 48th meeting of the Drugs Consultative Committee (DCC), held on 24th July, 2015. The DCC has constituted a 7- Member Sub-Committee to examine the issue of sale of drugs on the internet, while taking care of the risks and concerns related to such sales. All measures considered necessary for safeguarding the interests of Consumers are being taken by the Government.
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